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For. **COMPOUND WITH TETRAHYDRONAPHTHALENE SKELETON AND LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING SAME**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

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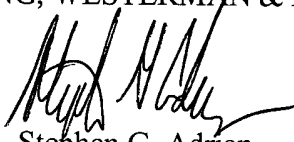
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